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THE JACKSONVILLE MEETING

THE National Superintendents' meeting, at Jacksonville, Florida, was in many respects a gratifying success. The attendance from the Southern states was large, and a genuine interest was manifested. Hotel accommodations were ample and excellent, but all other anticipated attractions were disappointing. The sessions were held in an unfinished hall, the free excursions so loudly advertised were wanting. There were too many papers read, too much work attempted, and a too crowded programme prepared.

Extemporaneous discussions, which add zest and give spice to these gatherings, were barred out in consequence. The few which did occur, when restraint was impossible, were the light and life of the meeting.

The papers upon Coördination, Correlation and Concentration excited the most interest, and produced the most acrimony.

H. S. Commissioner Wm. T. Harris, the Bismarck of the occasion, was the hero of the hour in his discussion of "The Necessity for fine Coördinate groups in Course of Study."

His position was combated by President Schurman, Hermon T. Lukins, the McMurrays, and others, but to all he replied in his usual vein of withering wit, and maintained his position with all the force of his deep, philosophical genius.

The other most important paper was "What the College should do for the Graduate of the High School," by President Baker of the University of Colorado.

He warmly commended the new committee appointed by the National Education Association to harmonize entrance requirements for admission to college, and expressed the belief that the results of their labors would be far-reaching in their benefits, and of incalculable importance in welding the high school link into the golden chain which should bind all the departments of

our American system of education, from the kindergarten to the university.

A conference was held between Dr. Nightingale, the chairman; Dr. Butler, Dr. Hinsdale, President Dougherty of the N. E. Association, and President Baker of the University of Colorado, and it was decided that the committee should investigate not only the requirements of admission to Academic colleges but also all scientific and technological schools, and also professional schools. It was also decided to appoint as Committees of Correspondence, three from each of the great colleges and Secondary School Associations, viz., the New England, the Middle states and Maryland, the Southern states, the North Central, and the Pacific Coast, who will be of great aid in gathering statistics and giving counsel.

In consequence of the great work to be done, and the national interest attached to it, steps will be taken to secure financial aid from the National Association, in order to defray the expenses of correspondence and meeting. Progress will be reported at the Buffalo meeting, but the final report will not be presented before 1897 or 1898. All colleges and all secondary schools, East, West and South, desiring to aid in this great movement, and to show their interest, sympathy and coöperation, are requested to send catalogues, courses of study, suggestions, and information, to Dr. A. F. Nightingale, chairman, 1204 Schiller Building, Chicago, Ill.

The time is ripe for action. The colleges are showing a commendable disposition to meet this problem, and secondary schools are prepared to give their practical experience, that knowledge of the difficulties to be overcome, and the remedies, may be applied.